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Re: In the Matter of Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of
Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations from Ameritech Corporation,
Transferor, to SBC Communications Inc., Transferee.
CC Dkt. No. 98-141

Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of the National Puerto Rican Coalition, (NPRC) a non-profit organization representing over seven million Puerto Rican U.S. citizens on the mainland and in Puerto Rico, I would like to convey our support for the approval of the merger of SBC Communications and Ameritech.

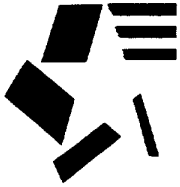
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This merger has the potential to improve access to telecommunications for Puerto Ricans and other Hispanics in the United States by providing improved service quality, generating new and innovative services, increasing investment in a high-technology network, and producing thousands of new jobs. The merger also promises particular benefits for consumers in Puerto Rico, where SBC has applied to provide cellular service.

We also support this merger because SBC Communications and Ameritech have shown consistently through their past performance that they are committed to addressing the special needs of the Puerto Rican/Latino community.

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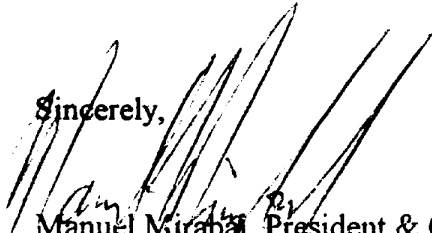
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Consistent with the goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the conditions negotiated by FCC staff insure that the merger will produce open competition in all States where SBC/Ameritech operate local telephone markets and in post-merger markets, and will benefit consumers. Compliance with the conditions is further supported by reporting requirements which will measure post-merger performance, and with new enforcement provisions which include substantial nonperformance payments.

Furthermore, the proposed conditions are well designed to promote and protect the rights of the community which we represent, and ensure that the proposed merger of SBC Communications and Ameritech will be in the best public interest. These conditions significantly respond to the telecommunications needs of currently underserved urban and rural areas which are most likely to benefit from the conditions requiring SBC/Ameritech to guarantee residential telephone services and deploy advanced services in these communities. We are also pleased that pursuant to the proposed conditions, the new company will offer new and improved services to business and residential customers, including High-Speed Internet Access, Universal Service Assistance Lifeline Service, and Long-Distance Service without the minimum monthly charges.

A merged SBC/Ameritech will be a stronger and more diversified global competitor which in turn will offer advantages to its customers in Puerto Rico and the United States. Accordingly, we urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the transfer of control to SBC of licences and authorities controlled or requested by Ameritech or its affiliates or subsidiaries.

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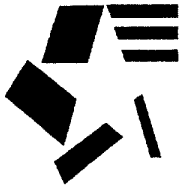
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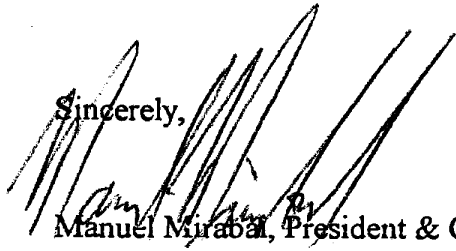
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